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An illustrated quarterly magazine, devoted to studies and research into original record sources of American Local History ; to trace the ancestors and descendants of the pioneers who led the way from the Atlantic Coast into the Western Wilderness of America ; to learn more of the development of the spirit of independence and boundless ambition that laid the foundation of the greatest Republic the world has ever seen ; and to compare the true and false in history with the contemporary record.

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## PREFATORY STATEMENT.

In announcing the contemplated issue of a Magazine of American History, Biography and Genealogy, a brief survey of the field to be covered, and of the particular character of the subject-matter to appear in its pages, is deemed necessary.

It cannot be denied that, too often, history has been wilfully falsified and distorted in the efforts made by individuals to assume for themselves, or for their literary idols, in the eyes and minds of their contemporaries, an importance beyond what they deserve, or to which they are, in the smallest degree, entitled. Too often the only incentive to trace genealogy is to boast of ancestral deeds, and to claim by reason thereof, as descendants, some special distinction, instead of cultivating a proper spirit of emulation and an earnest endeavor, and striving to accomplish deeds for themselves that might be worthy of commendation.

Therefore it is believed that any high-class publication, conducted unflinchingly in the interest of unbiased historical truth, and presenting fully-digested accuracy of statement based upon record evidence, will be not only welcomed, but supported by those to whom the whole truth and nothing but the truth is admissible.

The educational value of genealogical research can not be over-estimated. The study of history by our youth can be divested of much of what is termed "dry husks" when made in connection with the personal interest which may be aroused by reason of the part taken by, or the locality in which some remote grandfather moved,



and if such study brings to light some meritorious deed performed, or action taken, by these ancestors which left the impress of a well-formed character, the resultant effect upon the youthful mind must, without doubt, be highly beneficial.

The editorial as well as the business management will be conducted by Thomas Forsythe Nelson, historian and genealogist, whose years of systematic gathering of data in a thoroughly scientific manner has furnished the foundation for the Society for American Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Research. This data now comprises records relating to more than 20,000 families and fully five times as many individuals ready for instant reference. The particular field which he has covered embraces those families of whom traces are found in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, and who emigrated to the Middle-West and the Northwest Territory, and still more particularly the pioneer and frontier families of Scotch, Scotch-Irish, and English ancestry. Several thousand special studies have also been made of the ancestors and descendants of families in every section of the country, from whom have come our historic, pre-Revolution and National Characters—Presidents, Governors, Judges, Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Original Members of the Society of the Cincinnati, Military Leaders, and men eminent in every walk of life as well as in the formation of this Government.

In gathering this data special efforts have been made to trace the environment, both social and historical, of individuals and families who have left the impress of their characteristics upon the questions or events of historical prominence with which they were connected. All of this data is available for use, and needs only the proper selection and arranging for presentation to our readers. Manuscripts, letters, records and documents of historical value, heretofore unpublished, will be a feature, and whenever required will be fully and freely annotated.

The illustrations will be made a special feature, and will comprise reproductions of portraits and historical scenes and documents, as well as photographic views of historic places and objects of interest, and the very best that can be produced may be expected.

Finally, it may be stated that, as this magazine is not intended primarily as a money-making enterprise, and that the special effort will be to see how good and how interesting a publication can be made for \$3.00 a year (issued quarterly) or \$1.00 for single copies, it is intended that the income derived therefrom will be used in attaining the very best results possible.

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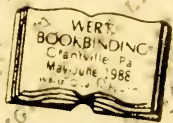
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